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Tropical Storm Arthur Press Release #1 Tuesday, July 1, 2014

The National Weather Service is forecasting Tropical Storm Arthur to impact Carteret County beginning Wednesday with rip currents and Thursday afternoon with tropical storm force winds (60-65 mph), and a small chance of Hurricane force winds later that evening. Arthur is expected to pass our coastline as a minimal hurricane Thursday night into Friday. Rainfall amounts are expected to total 3 to 4 inches. Seas across our coast are expected to build 15 to 20 feet.

Based upon the weather forecast, the potential continues for a tropical system to affect our area the next few days. Weather conditions will make travel difficult. If you have not done so already, it is important to ensure you:

- Check your family's emergency supply kit – review and update your emergency supply kit. You should have at least a 72-hour supply of non-perishable food, water, medications, and other necessities to sustain you, your family and family pets (remember a kit for your car and work). Find a complete list of items to include in your kit at readync.org
- Review and update your emergency plan. Your family may not be together when a disaster strikes so it is important to plan in advance: how you will get to a safe place; how you will contact one another; how you will get back together; and what you will do in different situations. Find a list of simple and practical steps at readync.org
- Have an adequate communications plan – be sure friends and family know how to contact you. Teach family members how to use text messaging as text messages can often get around network disruptions when a phone call can't get through.
- Stay informed; Monitor local weather forecasts and news reports for our area. Remember to have spare batteries for your radio in case of a power outage.

People who must travel in the affected area are advised to slow down and drive with extreme caution, and those who are staying home are also urged to make plans for the possible loss of power. Residents and visitors should follow the instructions of state, and local officials and listen to local radio or TV stations for updated emergency information.

The public is urged to monitor the event by listening to a NOAA Weather Radio, local news channels, and by following Carteret County Emergency Services at www.facebook.com/CCES7